

Machiavelli

the Prince



The Technical Stuff

For **MACHIAVELLI THE PRINCE** to work, there are a few things your computer *must* have.

- The processor has to be an 80386 or better. Basically, any computer with “386”, “486”, or “Pentium” in its name should do just fine. The system speed should be at least 33 MHz (megahertz).
- You must have a version of DOS (Disk Operating System) numbered 5.0 or higher. Almost all 386, 486, and Pentium computers include DOS in the standard software package.
- There has to be at least 500 Kb (511,616 bytes) of free conventional memory. The nice thing is, you don’t even have to know what a Kb is (It’s a “kilobyte”—1024 bytes. Never mind what a byte is). To find out whether you have enough, type **mem/c** and press **[Enter]**. Somewhere in the mess of information that pops up is a line something like, “Largest executable size.” That’s what tells you how much you have.

- Since the installation program will copy **MACHIAVELLI THE PRINCE** onto your hard disk, you must have at least 10 Mb of empty storage space to install it. (An Mb is a megabyte—1024 kilobytes.) When the flashing cursor on the screen is right next to “C:\” (it’s called the **C:** prompt), type **dir** and press **[Enter]**. One of the last things listed is how much hard drive space you have free. If you have at least 2,097,152 bytes free, 10,485,760 bytes, you’re all set.
- The graphics must be VESA compatible (SVGA quality).
- You must have at least 4 Mb of RAM.
- You must have a mouse attached to the computer. (We mean the input device; please do not strap pets or vermin to the keyboard.) The mouse driver must be MS Mouse version 8.01 or higher, or something fully compatible with this.

If you think you have all of these requirements, but you still have a problem running the game, please contact MicroProse Customer Support for assistance.

CONFLICTS WITH OTHER PROGRAMS

If you run **MACHIAVELLI THE PRINCE** at the same time as other programs are running, there could be weird problems. (Don’t worry, nothing **MACHIAVELLI THE PRINCE** does can damage your computer; the problems we’re talking about are the game not working correctly.) To help avoid this, we’ve listed them here. Please note that this list includes only the possible problems we *know* about. Since no test procedure can ever be totally complete, you may run into undiscovered problems. Please consult with Customer Service if you do.

This game has **not** been tested under Microsoft Windows; therefore we suggest you do not use it with Windows. Trust us—it probably won’t work.

We strongly recommend that you not have any Terminate-and-Stay-Resident programs (TSRs) loaded into memory when playing **MACHIAVELLI THE PRINCE**, except for memory managers. Not only will TSRs decrease the amount of free memory available, thus slowing the game, but weird things could happen. The manuals that came with your computer should tell you how to remove any TSRs.

INSTALLING THE GAME FROM A CD

Before you can play **MACHIAVELLI THE PRINCE**, the installation program must copy some files onto your hard disk. To have it do so, follow these instructions:

- Turn on your computer. The Microsoft CD-ROM Extension should load when the computer starts up. (If you have problems installing, this extension might not be loaded. Check your computer manuals for instructions on making it load itself.)
- Open the CD-ROM drive, place the **MACHIAVELLI THE PRINCE** CD in there, and close the drive.
- Type the letter of your CD-ROM drive (usually **D**), followed by a colon, then press **[Enter]**. This makes the CD-ROM your "current" drive.
- Type the word **install** and press **[Enter]**. After you've read the introductory message, press **[Enter]** again to go on to the **Installation** screen.
- At the **Installation** screen, click the left mouse button (the **LMB**) on the **Install Game** button to begin the automated installation.
- As part of the installation, you will need to tell the program what type of sound card you have in your computer. (It will try to guess, but it's not always right.) Simply click the **LMB** on the correct type. (If you don't know what kind of card you have, check the manuals that came with your computer system. If you still don't know, go with the program's guess or use the **No Sound** option until you do find out.)
- Depending on what kind of sound card you have, the program may ask you to choose some technical stuff (like **IRQ**, **DRQ**, or **DMA**). The installation program automatically makes the best guess as to which setting you should use for each. Unless you know better, just press **[Enter]** to accept each choice the program made. (If these settings don't work, read the manual that came with the sound card. The folks who built the card know how to make it work.)

*Note: Those of you who are technically oriented may want to configure your sound set-up whether you're asked to or not. Go right ahead. There's a button on the **Sound** screen just for that purpose. If you call Customer Service with a problem, they also might ask you to configure the sound set-up.*

- After the sound set-up, the program might present you with one or more messages. These are for information only. Just press **[Enter]** to make them go away and get on with the installation.
- When the installation program is done, it will return you to the **Installation** screen. Click the **LMB** on the **Read Me** button if you want to see details of any last-minute updates to the game.
- Click the **LMB** on the **Exit Program** button to finish the installation process.
- **MACHIAVELLI THE PRINCE** will now copy some files to your hard drive from the CD-ROM. These take up about 10 Mb of disk space and are only the files necessary to play the game.

Once the automated installation and set-up are complete, the game is ready to play.

To start playing the game:

- Make sure that the **C** drive (your hard disk) is "current." To do this, type **C:**, then press **[Enter]**.
- Now, make the **MACHIAVELLI THE PRINCE** directory the current directory. To do this, type **cd \mps\prince** and press **[Enter]**. (Note that, if you installed the game to a different directory, you should type in the path of that directory in place of **\mps\prince**.)
- Now simply type **prince** and press **[Enter]** to start the game.

Have fun!

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